



NEW ZEALAND 10 NIGHTS 11 DAYS

Embark on a 10-night, 11-day odyssey through New Zealand's diverse landscapes and cultural riches. From Auckland's bustling harbors to Rotorua's Maori heritage, delve into Waitomo's mystical caves and Queenstown's adventure-laden allure. Cruise Milford Sound, witness Franz Josef Glacier's majesty, and explore Christchurch's blend of history and modernity. This immersive journey promises a natural wonders like glaciers and waterfalls with immersive cultural experiences, making it a well-rounded exploration of New Zealand's north and south islands.

Highlights:

- **Auckland City Tour:** Explore the stunning harbors, volcanic cones, and scenic views, including a visit to Mount Victoria and the North Shore.
- **Waitomo Glowworm Caves:** A surreal experience as you take a boat ride through glowing caves, surrounded by thousands of glowworms.
- **Rotorua's Geothermal Wonders:** Experience the best of Hell's Gate in Rotorua with guided geothermal tours, healing mud baths, and relaxing sulfur spas rooted in over 800 years of Māori tradition.
- **Queenstown:** Explore Queenstown's highlights with visits to Arrowtown, Gibbston, Kawarau Bridge Bungy, a local winery, and end with a scenic Lake Whakatipu cruise. Also explore Milford Sound's breathtaking fjords.
- **Franz Josef Glacier:** Marvel at the glacier scenery, surrounded by mountain ranges, and take in the views from the famous Tranz Alpine train.
- **Christchurch:** A blend of history and modern charm, with highlights including a gondola ride offering panoramic views and a tour of the city via an antique tram.



Day 1: Arrive Auckland

Arrive Auckland often referred to by its nickname, "The City of Sails." Auckland is known for its beautiful harbors and is a hub for sailing and water-related activities, which is why it earned this nickname. Meet and transfer to the hotel. Free at leisure on your own.

Overnight in Auckland

Day 2: Auckland City Tour

After pick up from your central Auckland hotel, travel up Queen Street through Auckland's central business district, past Auckland University, and through the inner city park 'The Domain'. Auckland is set on over fifty dormant volcanic cones and between two harbours, the sparkling Waitemata and the brooding Manukau. Continue on through the picturesque suburb of Ponsonby, known for its historic buildings, before heading over the Harbour Bridge to the North Shore. Here you can stroll on a beautiful beach with views out across the Waitemata Harbour to Rangitoto Island and where there is time for a coffee. After a short drive through historic Devonport, continue up to the summit of Mount Victoria for stunning panoramic views of Auckland City and historic Devonport. Then, travel back over the Harbour Bridge to view Westhaven Marina, one of the largest marinas in the Southern Hemisphere.

Overnight in Auckland

Day 3: Auckland – Rotorua with Waitomo Caves

Today, check out the hotel and transfer to Rotorua with visiting the famous Waitomo Glowworm Caves. On this tour you will be picked up from the point in our comfortable minibus and driven through the stunning Waikato countryside on a fully guided journey to Waitomo Caves. During the journey to Waitomo you will encounter New Zealand's longest



river, beautiful mountains, and see several different farm animals along the way. Once in Waitomo you will explore the ancient and amazing caves, with it's many different cave formations including Stalactites, Stalagmites and Lime Columns, before descending even further underground for your glowworm experience. Board your glowworm boat for a cruise on the grotto river with thousands of glowworms - which are unique to New Zealand - glittering above your head. Waitomo Glowworm Caves are a must see for any traveler. Due to the delicate ecosystem within the Waitomo Caves, photography is not permitted inside. This policy helps protect the glowworms and limestone formations, ensuring the preservation of this unique environment for future visitors to enjoy. We will continue our adventure with another fully guided journey south to Rotorua, with many more attractions to see along the way, including hydro dams, rivers and lots more animals. Once in Rotorua we will drop you at your accommodation or a central Rotorua location. Includes: Small group and fully-guided tour, Luggage allowance (1 large and 1 small per person), Entry ticket and fully-guided tour to Waitomo Caves. Excludes: Food and drinks, Gratuities & Souvenir photos (available to purchase).

Overnight in Rotorua

Day 4: Hell's Gate Geothermal Walk, Mud Bath & Sulphur Spa

Uncover the wonders of Hell's Gate Geothermal Park in Rotorua, located just 15 minutes from the town center. Choose between joining a daily guided tour or exploring at your own pace with a geothermal walk map. Discover bubbling mud pools, steaming vents, and striking geothermal formations as you learn about the area's rich cultural and geological history. Relax in therapeutic mud baths, soak your feet in a warm mud foot pool, or unwind in mineral-rich sulfur spas. You can also try traditional Māori carving and immerse yourself in centuries-old healing practices. Used by the Māori for over 800 years, the unique thermal mud and sulfurous waters deeply cleanse, exfoliate, and rejuvenate the skin. Hell's Gate offers a one-of-a-kind experience that blends nature, culture, and relaxation in New Zealand's most active geothermal spa.



Optional Evening Enter a Maori village in a natural bush setting and learn about their customs during an immersive cultural experience. Get a warm meet and greet from a beautiful Maori maidens, learn the guidelines to enter the sacred site and select a chief from your group to represent those visiting the village. See warriors in traditional dress paddle an ancient warrior canoe down the Wai-o-whiro stream and marvel at glow worms in their natural habitat. Be captivated by the songs and dances of an entertaining concert, complete with the spine-tingling haka war dance. Watch as the hangi feast is removed from the earth-cooked oven, explore the art of ta moko (tattoo) and more. Feast on a hot selection of succulent meats and poultry, vegetables and fresh salads, topped off with tempting desserts.

Overnight in Rotorua

Day 5: Rotorua – Queenstown

Transfer to Rotorua airport to board your flight to Queenstown.

Arrive in Queenstown, located on New Zealand's South Island, is often referred to as the "Adventure Capital of the World." Transfer to the hotel, check in at your accommodation and free at your leisure.

An evening stroll around Queenstown is a delightful experience. As the sun sets behind the Southern Alps, the town takes on a magical atmosphere. You can start at the picturesque Lake Wakatipu waterfront, where you'll enjoy stunning views of the Remarkables mountain range reflected in the clear waters.

Overnight in Queenstown

Day 6: Queenstown Half Day City Tour

Experience the best of Queenstown on this premium half-day highlights tour with Altitude Tours. Travel in comfort in a vehicle with expert commentary and Kiwi humour from your



local guide. Enjoy breathtaking views from a scenic lookout, then explore the historic gold mining village of Arrowtown with time to wander and sample a famous local bakery pie. Pass over the iconic Shotover River, catch a glimpse of the thrilling jetboats, and visit the AJ Hackett Kawarau Bridge Bungy – the birthplace of bungy jumping. Continue into the Gibbston wine region, known for its Lord of the Rings film locations and award-winning wines, where you'll enjoy a tasting and shared cheeseboards at a local cellar door. Finish your tour with a relaxing 30-minute scenic cruise on the stunning waters of Lake Wakatipu.

Overnight in Queenstown

Day 7: Day Trip to Milford Sound Cruise

Explore Milford Sound and New Zealand's famous Fiordland National Park and admire rainforests, waterfalls, and wildlife as you cruise the length of the fiord. Start with pickup for the bus journey to Te Anau. Your guide will share as you stop along the way to see spectacular scenery.

Marvel at views of waterfalls, wildlife, and the rainforest. Soak up the sights from any of the three indoor and outdoor viewing decks during your cruise and join your jovial crew at the bow as you nose close to Stirling Falls to feel the spray from some of the world's freshest water. Benefit from complimentary tea service is available for the entire cruise and, snacks, cakes and drinks can be purchased from onboard cafe / bar.

Overnight in Queenstown

Day 8: Queenstown – Franz Josef

Take a scenic day tour from Queenstown to Franz Josef, traveling through stunning South Island landscapes. Enjoy views of Lake Dunstan, Wanaka, and Hawea, then stop for tea in Makarora (own expense). Journey through the Haast Pass and native forests before reaching the West Coast. See waterfalls, rainforests, and coastal beauty before visiting a boutique



salmon farm. Finish the day in Franz Josef, where you can explore the famous Franz Josef Glacier, named after Emperor Franz Joseph I of Austria.

Overnight in Franz Josef Glacier.

Day 9: Franz Josef – Greymouth – TranzAlpine Train - Christchurch

Today journey along the West Coast through breathtaking scenery to Greymouth, the heart of the region's mining history. Departing from Franz Josef, pass by glacier lakes before reaching the coast. Stop for morning tea (own expense) in the small town of Harihari, then continue through native rainforest and gold mining towns, with a lunch break (own expense) in Hokitika, known as the "wild foods capital." The tour concludes in Greymouth.

Take a scenic train journey from Greymouth to Christchurch via Arthur's Pass, traveling through rugged peaks, lush beech forests, and the Southern Alps. Enjoy world-class carriages, open-air viewing decks, and GPS-triggered audio commentary at every seat. Pass through Arthur's Pass National Park, the Waimakariri River's gorges, and the Canterbury Plains before arriving in Christchurch.

Arrive in Christchurch, the largest city on the South Island of New Zealand and is known for its rich history, picturesque landscapes, and unique blend of modern and traditional elements. Transfer to the hotel, check in at your accommodation and free at your own leisure.

Overnight in Christchurch



Day 10: Christchurch City Tour

Embark on a captivating half-day city tour of Christchurch, where you'll be treated to breathtaking panoramic views from Cashmere Hill, offering a stunning perspective of the city and its lush landscapes. At Willowbank Wildlife Reserve, get up close with New Zealand's unique wildlife, including the adorable Kiwi, and learn about the country's rich biodiversity. Marvel at the innovative Cardboard Cathedral, a symbol of resilience and creativity following the earthquakes, before wandering through the Christchurch Botanic Gardens, a botanical paradise brimming with exotic plants and vibrant flowers. With our personalized approach, we ensure every guest feels special as we uncover hidden gems and share engaging stories that breathe life into the city's history. Excludes: Willowbank Wildlife Reserve Day Entry

Overnight in Christchurch

Day 11 Depart Christchurch

This morning, you will be transferred to the airport for the return flight.

Depending on your flight time, you might have some free time for last-minute shopping.

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